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April 15, 2026

Mr. Christian Kervick  
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Dear Mr. Kervick:

The enclosed document is the Delaware Criminal Justice Council 11 Del. C §9210 Authorized Disclosures for the investigation involving Delaware State Police Cpl/1 William R. Schuele.

The Department of Justice concluded their investigation and notified Delaware State Police on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

Sincerely,

Colonel William D. Crotty  
Superintendent

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# Delaware Criminal Justice Council

## 11 Del. C. §9210 Authorized Disclosures

### Agency Information

Law Enforcement Agency: Delaware State Police

Date of Incident: October 4, 2023

### Incident Details

Law Enforcement Officer has discharged a firearm at a person.  Yes |  No

Law Enforcement Officer's use of force that results in serious physical injury.  Yes |  No

An investigation that results in a sustained finding that a Law Enforcement Officer engaged in a sexual assault or sexual harassment. For purposes of this paragraph, "sexual assault" means the commission or attempted initiation of a sexual act by means of force, threat, coercion, extortion, or offer or implication of leniency or official favor, under the color of authority. Propositioning sex or commission of a sexual act while an officer is on duty is deemed a "sexual assault."  Yes |  No

An investigation that results in a sustained finding that a Law Enforcement Officer engaged in dishonest conduct. This includes, but is not limited to sustained findings of perjury, false statements, filing false reports, witness tampering, and destruction, falsification, or concealment of evidence.  Yes |  No

A sustained finding of domestic violence by a Law Enforcement Officer.  Yes |  No

### Detailed Narrative

Please include a detailed narrative of the incident. A "detailed narrative" means a complete description of the facts, steps taken to further an investigation, evidence collected, conclusions reached, the names of officers involved for whom misconduct was substantiated, any discipline assigned in connection with the event, and the employment status of disciplined officers. 11 Del. C. § 9200(b)(1).

The detailed narrative may not reveal the name or any personal identifying information of a victim or witness. In a domestic violence case where revealing the name of the officer would also allow identification of the victim, the officer's name may be redacted.

The Criminal Justice Council shall post the narratives they receive under this paragraph on their website within 30 calendar days of receipt.

I. Complete Description of the Facts:

On October 4, 2023, at approximately 10:50 pm, police responded to a reported home invasion at Canterbury Apartments in Bridgeville. James fled prior to police arrival but was described as a Black male, named "Jordy" or "Jordan," who was approximately 5'10" wearing black clothing and a mask armed with a shotgun.

Approximately 30 minutes later, Jordan James arrived at the nearby Perdue Feed Mill, where he worked. He interacted with two co-workers, including hugging them and saying it was his "last day." He walked away from them and then came back carrying a long gun while repeatedly stating "call the fucking cops." One of his co-workers called 911 and stated an employee named Jordan James showed up "out of the blue" at the Feed Mill and was wearing black clothing, a mask, and was armed with a "machine gun."

Officers from DSP Troop 5, Bridgeville PD, and Greenville PD responded to the Feed Mill. Troopers William Schuele and Ryan Santmyer responded to a poorly lit area north of the Feed Mill along nearby railroad tracks. While making their way to train cars for cover, Cpl. Santmyer turned around and saw James closing in behind them. Cpl. Santmyer called out to James and commands him to show his hand. James fired his gun in an unknown direction and ran.

Cpl. Santmyer and Cpl. Schuele pursued James and made their way to opposite corners of a warehouse for coverage. James fired another round. Cpl. Schuele fired his rifle twice in response. James was found lying in the street by other officers. James's finger was in the trigger guard of his 9mm rifle. The rifle was removed from James and officers began lifesaving measures, but ultimately James succumbed to a gunshot wound to his head.

II. Investigatory Steps:

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit and an independent investigation was conducted by the Delaware Department of Justice Division of Civil Rights and Public Trust.

III. Evidence Collected:

The evidence collected was body worn camera footage, victim and witness interviews, police interviews, scene photographs, forensic evidence, and medical records.

IV. Conclusions Reached:

Cpl. Schuele's use of deadly force was justified for the purpose of self-protection and the protection of others. At the time deadly force was used, James had fired his weapon twice- first when directly confronted by troopers and a second time when troopers were pursuing him. A review of the relevant evidence, including the body worn camera, confirms the timeline of events. Cpl. Schuele's determination that deadly force was necessary under the circumstances in which he found himself was reasonable.

V. The names of officers involved for whom misconduct was substantiated:

N/A

VI. Any Discipline Assigned in Connection with the Incident:

N/A

VII. The Employment Status of Disciplined Officers:

N/A